



2011 National Judge



Alex Pearl

Retired Horticulture Teacher,
Founding board member of America in Bloom
Lebanon, Ohio, USA

For over 20 years of Alex's career he has been employed by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Warren Correctional Institution, Lebanon, Ohio as a Vocational Horticulture Teacher.

In this time period he has developed a leading Horticulture program that has been a model for others to emulate. Due to his success, Vocational Horticulture programs in Ohio prisons have expanded from 3 to the present number of 12. He has served as chairman for professional development for his school district, influencing educator development at all levels.

Alex brings a great wealth of experience to his current position having held responsible positions in higher education, botanical gardens, private industry and his own business. Alex earned his teaching credentials from The Ohio State University and a Masters in Botanical Garden Management from the Longwood Program, University of Delaware. He is an active member in various trade and amateur horticultural organizations. His gardens have repeatedly won awards in such major events as the United States floral exhibition - Ameriflora and The Cincinnati Horticultural Society's Spring Flower Show. Alex first trained as a judge with the Communities in Bloom. As a former board member and founding individual of America in Bloom, he is a vocal spokesperson promoting the AIB program throughout the United States. Among his responsibilities within the organization have been the recruitment and training of the volunteer judges that go out to participating communities.

Alex's motto is '*plants change lives.*' Alex is honored to promote the values of such organizations as America in Bloom and Communities in Bloom.